Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Master Sergeant Michael A. Jones' dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Jones has devoted more than 24 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a chief instructor and noncommissioned officer for 2nd Battalion (Modular Training), 196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute), first sergeant of Headquarters and Headquarters Section, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, battalion operations and battalion intelligence NCO for 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Master Sergeant Jones continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Master Sergeant Michael A. Jones for more than 24 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2010, as

MASTER SERGEANT MICHAEL A. JONES DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State